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SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY  
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March 13, 2013

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## Settlement Ends Civil Litigation Between County, Other Public Agencies

**SAN BERNARDINO**—The County of San Bernardino, San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG), Caltrans, and the city of Upland reached a settlement agreement on Tuesday that ended a nine-year civil lawsuit over responsibility for impacts to a development project on flood control property in Upland.

"Our Board unanimously agreed that it's time to stop using taxpayers' money on lawsuits and to start using it for flood control and transportation projects that enhance our county's ability to attract new industries and create more jobs," San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors Chair Janice Rutherford said.

Under the agreement, the county will not appeal a judge's decision to dismiss its lawsuit claiming SANBAG, Caltrans, and Upland are partially responsible for damages caused to a private developer during the construction of State Route 210. The County reached a \$102 million settlement with the developer in 2006.

"We are thrilled to conclude this nine-year legal dispute," said San Bernardino Mayor Pat Morris, who serves as chairman of SANBAG's legal ad hoc committee. "SANBAG looks forward to giving life to the Countywide Vision in partnership with the Board of Supervisors."

In addition to agreeing to end the lawsuit, the county will take ownership and assume responsibility for the 20<sup>th</sup> Street storm drain in Upland. Upland will take ownership and responsibility for the 19<sup>th</sup> Street storm drain. All of the parties also agreed to pay their own attorney fees.

"We are very, very pleased to have this behind us," Upland Mayor Ray Musser said. "This settlement will free up city funding so it can be used on projects that improve our community and enhance the quality of life our residents enjoy."

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## **LOCAL CONTRACTOR GIVEN NOD TO BEGIN WORK AT LAKE GREGORY** **Swim beach dredging project slated to be completed by May**

The San Bernardino County Special Districts Department has issued to WTA Construction Company, a *Notice to Proceed* on the Lake Gregory Regional Park Dredging Project.

The notice issued acknowledges that the contractor has submitted the necessary bonds and insurance for the project. The contractor has also received approval of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan from the Lahonton Regional Water Quality Control Board.

According to the contract, the project which includes the removal of approximately 10,000 cubic yards of silt from above and below the water line in the swim beach area, is to be completed within 60 calendar days of the notice. Within the next two weeks the community can expect to see equipment moving at the Lake.

"It has taken awhile given all of the regulatory processes and given the project timeline, the mountain community and its summer visitors will have a quality swim beach to enjoy throughout the season," said Keith Lee, Director of Regional Parks.

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## Board urges responsible healthcare reform implementation

COLTON – The federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act could provide some benefits to San Bernardino County residents. However, the program popularly known as “Obamacare” and “Healthcare Reform”, which goes into effect in less than 10 months, remains plagued with unknowns and a potential massive drain on county resources.

That was the message from county staff today during a workshop examining the local impacts of the Affordable Care Act. Following the staff presentations, the Board of Supervisors unanimously directed staff to work with state and federal officials to implement the act with as little adverse impact to county residents and resources as possible.

Supervisors also stressed that many of the services touted as “free” under the act would actually come at great cost to taxpayers.

The intent of the Affordable Care Act is to decrease the number of uninsured Americans and reduce the overall costs of health care for the consumer through mandates, subsidies, and tax credits to employers and individuals. Additional elements are aimed at improving healthcare outcomes and streamlining the delivery of health care.

With a total population of approximately 2 million, San Bernardino County is home to about 400,000 people without health insurance in families that earn less than \$46,000 per year. Almost 100,000 of those residents are undocumented immigrants who are not eligible for coverage under the Affordable Care Act, but who the county is leagly mandated to serve.

Several county departments, acting as the Health Care Reform Steering Committee, have been working together for more than two years to evaluate the opportunities, potential risks, and possible financial impacts of not only the act, but the manner in which the state will dictate how the act is implemented at the county level.

In January 2012, the committee developed and launched ArrowCare as a way to prepare for federal healthcare reform and begin capturing federal dollars to support the county's uninsured residents. The program has provided coverage to more than 26,000 county residents to date.

The Affordable Care Act presents a number of risks to county programs for residents. Arrowhead Regional Medical Center could see an increase in patients with no insurance, including undocumented immigrants.

For the Transitional Assistance Department, the state will require a dramatic increase in the operating hours of county customer service centers, will fine the county if calls are not answered within 30 seconds, but might not provide the county with funding to increase staff at the service centers.

The County Department of Public Health could face a reduced level or elimination of federal funding for longstanding services, including support for the Ryan White program for HIV care and treatment.

# HOME PRESERVATION SUMMIT



Sponsored by Citi Community Development, in partnership with the Housing Opportunities Collaborative and Water of Life Community Church.

**\* Multiple Lenders On-Site**

## *Underwater on Your Mortgage? Having Trouble With Your Payments?*

### **When:**

**Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**  
Registration from  
9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

No walk-ins after 12:30 p.m.

### **Where:**

Water of Life Church  
7623 East Avenue  
Fontana, CA 92336

### **What to Bring:**

- ☒ 2 copies of your recent mortgage statement
- ☒ 2 copies of your two most current pay stubs
- ☒ 2 copies of your most recent two years' W2's
- ☒ 2 copies of your most recent two years' tax returns
- ☒ 2 lists of your monthly expenses

Attend our **FREE** workshop and receive face-to-face counseling with loss mitigation specialists from your lender and counselors from HUD-approved housing agencies.

Find out if you qualify for mortgage assistance programs, including:

- **Keep Your Home California**
- **Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP)**

Plus, receive information about:

- **Budgeting and Credit Rebuilding**
- **Short Sales and Tax Implications**
- **Avoiding Foreclosure Scams**

**This event is open to the public.**

**Counseling sessions will be available in English and Spanish.**

We can **ONLY** assist homeowners whose names are on the mortgage. Please do not send 3<sup>rd</sup> party representatives on your behalf.

**Community Development**



**PLEASE RSVP.** To sign-up or to get more information, go to:

**www.HomeHelpEvent.com** or call the Housing Opportunities Collaborative at **(877) 513-9990**.

# Kiwanis

Of Rancho Cucamonga

GoKiwanis.org

P.O. Box 314  
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729

Dear Kiwanis Club Supporters,

On May 18, 2013, the Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cucamonga is sponsoring the 2nd annual

## Crusin' For Kids Car Show.

The car show is a fundraiser to help support Kiwanis Club youth programs in Rancho Cucamonga. We are inviting you to become a sponsor and help us continue supporting worthwhile youth-oriented programs through your donation and participation. These programs include scholarships for local high school students going on to college, shoes for needy kids through Shoes That Fit, and encouraging kids to Bring Up Grades through our B.U.G. program.

As a sponsor, for as little as \$25.00, an award plaque with your company/product/name will be awarded to a car show participant. The first 30 sponsors are guaranteed their name on an award plaque that will be displayed at the show and given during the awards ceremony at the end of the car show.

Please make your check payable to **Kiwanis Club of Rancho Cucamonga Foundation\***, and mail your donation to, **Rancho Cucamonga Kiwanis, P.O. Box 314, Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91729**. Upon delivery of your donation, a receipt will be mailed to you for your records. Enclosed with this request is a copy of the flyer providing additional information on the location of the event and registration. Please consider attending as a participant/spectator, or pass along the information to those you know who may enjoy attending the show.

We sincerely appreciate your participation, and look forward to seeing you at the show!

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\* The Foundation is in the process of applying to be a 501(c)(3), but it has not yet received its tax exempt status.





Rim of the World Recreation and Park District  
P.O. Box 8 – 26577 State Highway 18  
Rimforest, CA 92378

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FOR RELEASE: March 19, 2013

TWIN PEAKS-GRAND REOPENING FOR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY SENIOR CENTER

The Rim of the World Recreation and Park District (ROWRPD) is proud to announce the Grand Reopening for the Mountain Communities Senior/Community Center, Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. This event is hosted by the Mountain Communities Senior Citizens.

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FOR RELEASE: March 11, 2013

### SPRING INTO SPRING DAY CAMP

Join Rim of the World Recreation and Park District celebrate Spring! Spring Day Camp is held during spring break, April 1<sup>st</sup> through April 5<sup>th</sup> and is open to all children ages 5-12 years old. Spring Day Camp is held at the Recreation and Park District Childcare sites at Lake Arrowhead Elementary and Charles Hoffman Elementary. Spring Day Camp begins at 6:30 am and goes until 6:00 pm – a fun filled day for children while their parents are at work.

This year Spring Day Camp will highlight the Celebration of Spring with outside activities like painting a giant rainbow. Children will learn about the ocean by creating an ocean mural and craft fish, sea plants and starfish to display. The camp will also be honoring National Arbor Day by planting trees and learning about nature. Spring Day Camp is full of games, crafts, music, cooking, sports (Basketball and Cheer) and much more!

Spring Camp program rates range from \$35 to \$121 depending on number of days attended. All participants must Pre-register. For more information, please call the Park District Office (909) 337- 7275 or go to [www.rim-rec.org](http://www.rim-rec.org).

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San Bernardino, CA 92408  
909.379.0000

[www.childrensfundonline.org](http://www.childrensfundonline.org)

Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/W4Wymf>

For more information contact:

Karen Blanco, PR & Marketing Manager  
909.379.6026

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## ***CHILDREN ARE OUR FUTURE CONTEST***

***Enter to Win Tickets, Lead the Parade and Toss the First Pitch at Inland Empire 66ers Game***

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. – (Tuesday, March 12, 2013) – Children's Fund has partnered with the Inland Empire 66ers to create a contest for children ages 5 – 12. To enter the children will draw a picture of what they will work hard to be when they grow up and explain in up to 50 words why.

"Children's Fund is dedicated to building strong children, giving hope for brighter tomorrows," states Erin Phillips, president & CEO of Children's Fund. "This contest gives the kids an opportunity to think about who they want to be, instilling goals that will drive them to work hard in school and become who they dream of being."

The contest runs from March 15 through April 15, 2013. The winner of the contest will win 10 tickets for their family and friends to watch as the winner leads the Children's Fund Parade Against Child Abuse with mascot Bernie, tosses out the first pitch at the Inland Empire 66ers game against the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes, and then settles in the seats with hotdogs, popcorn and drinks for all 10 guests on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. The parade begins at 6:15 p.m. and will be inside the San Manuel Stadium, walking around the ball field. The game begins at 7:05 p.m.

"This is a great night to watch the 66ers Angel Affiliate play the Rancho Cucamonga Quakes," says Joe Hudson, general manager of San Manuel Stadium. "It is also \$2 Tuesday which means it will only cost \$2 for parking, \$2 tickets, and \$2 for hotdog, popcorn or soft drink. It's a great way to spend quality time with your family at a very reasonable price, and watch a great baseball game."

Entry forms are available online at [www.childrensfundonline.org](http://www.childrensfundonline.org) or [www.66ers.com](http://www.66ers.com). A complete list of contest rules are located on Children's Fund website.

Created in 1986, Children's Fund is a non-profit whose mission is to prevent child abuse in our community; to ensure that at-risk children who are abused, neglected, impoverished, or abandoned receive adequate food, shelter, clothing, medical care and education; and to provide equal opportunity for social development for these children. For more information on Children's Fund or how you can give hope for brighter tomorrows in the life of a child, please visit Children's Fund's website at [www.childrensfundonline.org](http://www.childrensfundonline.org) or call 909.379.0000. Follow us on Facebook: <http://on.fb.me/W4Wymf>

The 2013 season of the 66ers will kick off on Thursday, April 4, 2013 at San Manuel Stadium when the 66ers take on the Modesto Nuts. Inland Empire fans can now purchase season ticket and group packages for the 2013 season. Tickets can be purchased by calling 909.888.9922. Additional information is available online at [www.66ers.com](http://www.66ers.com). ###



*Mayor* L. DENNIS MICHAEL  
*Council Members* WILLIAM J. ALEXANDER, SAM SPAGNOLO, MARC STEINORTH, DIANE WILLIAMS  
*City Manager* JOHN R. GILLISON

## THE CITY OF RANCHO CUCAMONGA

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## *The City of Rancho Cucamonga to Dedicate New Public Works Service Center and Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility*

### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

March 13, 2013

**WHAT:** The City of Rancho Cucamonga is hosting a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the recent completion of the new Public Works Service Center and Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Collection Facility.

This nineteen month project constructed a new 27,879 square foot Public Works Service Center as well as a 2,736 square foot Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility on the existing Public Works site on 9<sup>th</sup> Street between Hellman Avenue and Vineyard Avenue.

**WHEN:** Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 3:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Public Works Service Center, 8794 Lion Street (Enter from the Household Hazardous Waste Collection Facility at 8800 Hellman Avenue between 8<sup>th</sup> Street and 9<sup>th</sup> Street)

The ceremony will take place in front of the Public Works Service Center.

**WHO:** The Mayor and City Council as well as City Manager John Gillison will participate in the event. Members of the public and City employees will also be present as we celebrate the dedication of these environmentally-friendly facilities.

**-More-**

WHY: The new Public Works Service Center has incorporated several “sustainable” features such as California native/drought-tolerant landscaping, subterranean and drip irrigation, large windows and light wells taking full advantage of natural lighting and allowing for daylight harvesting, LED parking lot lights, solar street lights, pervious pavement, and the use of sustainable finishes throughout the building; solar panels cover 50% of the roofline for the generation of electricity, and a smaller solar panel system will supplement the heating of water.

In addition to the Public Works Services building, a new Household Hazardous Waste collection facility has been constructed along the northeast corner of the site. This facility also has drought-tolerant landscaping, solar lighting, and sky lights incorporated into its construction. The new HHW collection facility will provide temporary storage of household hazardous materials collected from residents, and will improve operations and customer service by reducing the number of severe weather closures by providing a workspace protected from weather conditions, increased storage space, and drive approach designed to handle a large volume of participants.

**For More Information**—For more information, please contact William Wittkopf, Public Works Services Director at (909) 477-2730 extension 4101.

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# US Forest Service

## San Bernardino National Forest

602 S. Tippecanoe Ave San Bernardino, CA 92408



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: John Miller (909) 382-2788

### **San Bernardino National Forest Announces New Deputy Forest Supervisor**

**San Bernardino, Calif., March 19, 2013** –John Exline has been selected as the new deputy Forest Supervisor of the San Bernardino National Forest. He is currently the District Ranger on the Hume Lake District of the Sequoia National Forest/Giant Sequoia National Monument in Dunlap, Calif.

“John’s extensive 32-year career in the Forest Service and his experience in California make him a great addition to the San Bernardino National Forest,” said Forest Supervisor Jody Noiron. “He has significant experience in forestry, fire, and all Forest Service programs and has a proven track record working with communities in California. We are pleased to welcome John to the forest.”

Exline, 55, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree with a major in Biology from Lycoming College in Williamsport, Penn., in 1979 and a Master’s Degree in Forest Resource Management from Duke University in 1980.

Exline began his Forest Service career in January of 1981 on the Sequoia National Forest, working in timber management. John then did a stint as firefighter on the Redding Hotshot crew before returning to timber management, a field that Exline has worked in for several years on the Sequoia and Sierra National Forests.

In May 2001, Exline returned to the Sequoia National Forest as a District Ranger for the Hume Lake Ranger District, the position he has served in for the last 11 years. Exline has also served as acting Forest Supervisor for the Lassen National Forest as well as the Sierra National Forest.

John is married to Sue, who is currently the District Ranger for the Ojai Ranger District on the Los Padres National Forest. They have two children, Erin, who recently graduated from California Lutheran University and Brian, who is a freshman at Saint Mary’s College.

Exline reports for duty on March 24. He fills behind former Deputy Supervisor Thomas F. Gillett who retired in January.

*About the U.S. Forest Service, San Bernardino National Forest*

The San Bernardino National Forest is comprised of three Ranger Districts spanning 676,666 acres in San Bernardino and Riverside counties. From the desert floor to the pristine mountain peaks, the San Bernardino National Forest offers natural environments, spectacular scenery, developed campgrounds and

picnic areas, numerous recreational opportunities, and the solitude of quiet wilderness and open space for the over 24 million residents of Southern California and those visiting the area. The forest environment also provides habitat for numerous plants and animals and is crucial in sustaining drinking water, air, and soil quality. Learn more at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/sbnf>

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### **Public Comments Sought for Land Management Plan Amendment Environmental Impact Statement**

**San Bernardino, Calif., March 5, 2013** - Forest Service officials are seeking public comments on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for a Proposed Amendment to the Land Management Plans for the four Southern California national forests (the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres, and San Bernardino).

The environmental impact statement analyzes the proposal to modify the existing land use zones allocations in selected inventoried roadless areas to include more back country non-motorized and recommended wilderness areas. It also analyzes the proposal to modify the land management plan monitoring framework. The statement evaluates alternatives for both topics, including an alternative that would recommend most of the study area as wilderness. The environmental impact statement can be found on the project webpage at:

[http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=35130](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=35130)

This Proposed Amendment to the Land Management Plan is part of the Settlement Agreement approved January 3, 2011, in the case of California Resources Agency, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture, and Center for Biological Diversity, et al vs. United States Department of Agriculture.

#### **Public Meetings**

The four national forests will be hosting multiple open houses during the 90-day comment period that began February 15. The content and format of each meeting will be identical; however each forest will be presenting information specific to the local area. Meetings will begin with an open house where Forest Service staff will be available to answer questions about the Draft SEIS. A brief presentation will begin 30 minutes after the meeting opens, followed by an opportunity to ask questions. Maps of the alternatives will be available for viewing. Forest Service staff officers will be available to answer questions, and maps of the proposed changes will be available for viewing. The meeting times and locations are:

- March 26, 2013, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Angeles National Forest Headquarters, 701 North Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006

- March 26, 2013, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Alpine Community Center, 1830 Alpine Blvd, Alpine, CA 91901 (Hosted by the Cleveland National Forest)
- March 27, 2013, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Palomar Ranger District Office, 1634 Black Canyon Road, Ramona, CA 92065
- March 28, 2013, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District Office, 33708 Crown Valley Road, Acton, CA 93510
- March 28, 2013, 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM, San Bernardino National Forest Headquarters, 602 S. Tippecanoe Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92408
- April 9, 2013, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Mt. Pinos Ranger District office, 34580 Lockwood Valley Road, Frazier Park, CA 93225
- April 10, 2013, 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, Southern California Edison, 103 David Love Place, Goleta, CA 93117 (Hosted by Los Padres National Forest)

### **How to Comment**

The public is encouraged to participate in the process. Comments should be received within 90 days of the publication of the Notice of Availability in the Federal Register. The Notice was published on Friday, February 15, 2013, and the comment period closes on Thursday, May 16, 2013.

Comments may be sent via e-mail to [socal\\_nf\\_lmp\\_amendment@fs.fed.us](mailto:socal_nf_lmp_amendment@fs.fed.us) , or filed through the project web page at [http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa\\_project\\_exp.php?project=35130](http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/nepa_project_exp.php?project=35130)

Send written comments to:

Cleveland National Forest  
10845 Rancho Bernardo Road Suite 200  
San Diego, CA 92127-2107  
ATTN: LMP Amendment

For further information, contact Project Manager Bob Hawkins at [socal\\_nf\\_lmp\\_amendment@fs.fed.us](mailto:socal_nf_lmp_amendment@fs.fed.us) or visit the project website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/nepa/fs-usda-pop.php?project=35130>

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## PRESS RELEASE – FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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stownsend@ci.upland.ca.us

March 25, 2013

### UPLAND READS ONE BOOK: *OMNIVORE'S DILEMMA* BY MICHAEL POLLAN

Come join the Library in celebrating our Centennial by reading the book *Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan. Books will be available for checkout to patrons with an Upland Public Library card on April 1st. On May 4th, we will host a discussion panel for the book at the Carnegie Cultural Center from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The panelists will include Rishi Kumar of *The Growing Home*, Maleene Guida of *Progressive Catering & School Gardens*, Vanessa Richardson from *Kaiser Permanente*, Heather Fikel from *New Frontier Family Farm*, and Doug McGoan from *Foothill Kitchens*. This FREE program is sponsored by the UPS Foundation.

The Carnegie Cultural Center is located at 123 D. Street in Upland. For more information, please contact the Library at (909) 931-4205.

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#### **About Upland Public Library—*for all the chapters of your life***

Located at 450 N. Euclid Ave., the Upland Public Library ([www.ci.upland.ca.us](http://www.ci.upland.ca.us)) has served the residents of Upland and surrounding communities since 1913. Today its collection is comprised of over 156,000 items in traditional and modern formats: books, eBooks, magazines, newspapers, audiobooks, music CDs, and DVDs. The public may access the Internet and library-selected commercial databases on 16 workstations or via the free wireless network. Library visitors enjoy a variety of programs for adults, teens, and children, including book discussion groups, storytimes, professional performances, one-on-one literacy tutoring, and an annual summer reading program. The Library is next door to its former home, the historically restored Carnegie Cultural Center at 123 D St., which now houses the Literacy Department, (909) 931-4212, and the Passports Office, (909) 931-4325 (by appointment only). The Carnegie also presents a venue for community events. Please contact the Library at (909) 931-4200, for hours of service and more information. Like us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/uplandpubliclibrary](http://www.facebook.com/uplandpubliclibrary)), or follow us on Twitter ([twitter.com/#!/UplandLibrary](http://twitter.com/#!/UplandLibrary)).

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## **SCE Considers License Amendment for San Onofre Nuclear Plant**

ROSEMEAD, Calif., March 22, 2013 — Southern California Edison (SCE) is considering voluntarily submitting a license amendment request to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to support the restart of Unit 2 of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. The amendment is consistent with SCE's plan to operate the unit's steam generators at 70 percent power as a conservative safety measure.

SCE is requesting a meeting with the NRC to discuss the possible amendment. This meeting, which would be open to the public, would provide an opportunity for SCE to discuss with the NRC the scope and content of a potential amendment to ensure it meets regulatory requirements. The meeting will also help SCE evaluate the nature and timeliness of the NRC process for review and approval of the amendment. Separately, SCE representatives have informed the Atomic Safety Licensing Board, the independent, adjudicatory arm of the NRC, of the company's consideration of submitting a license amendment.

SCE would like to restart Unit 2 by the summer to meet peak customer demand for electricity. The San Onofre nuclear plant is the largest source of baseload generation and voltage support in the region and is a critical asset for reliability and in meeting California's clean energy goals.

Last week, SCE submitted a detailed [operational assessment](#) requested by the NRC that supports safe operation of Unit 2 at 100 percent power for 11 months to answer a request from the NRC related to the plant's technical specifications. Approval of that assessment would eliminate the need for the license amendment. However, because the NRC may take substantial time to review this operational assessment, SCE is simultaneously considering the license amendment.

"We want to do every responsible thing we can do to get Unit 2 up and running safely before the summer heat hits our region," said Ron Litzinger, SCE president. "While the NRC continues to review the technical materials we've submitted, we're considering a request for a license amendment so that we can pursue the best path to safe restart while avoiding unnecessary delays."

If SCE pursues the amendment, it will submit a "No Significant Hazards Consideration" analysis demonstrating that the license amendment does not involve any significant safety risks. Regardless of whether an amendment or SCE's 100 percent power operational assessment is approved, SCE will only operate Unit 2 at 70 percent power for an initial period of five months, following which the unit will be shut down for steam generator tube inspections.

Additional background information about the potential license amendment can be found at [www.SONGScommunity.com](http://www.SONGScommunity.com).

NRC approval is required before SCE can restart Unit 2. The repair, corrective action and restart plan for Unit 2, along with additional technical information to address questions from the NRC, are available to the public at [www.SONGScommunity.com](http://www.SONGScommunity.com)

More information, including videos that explain how a steam generator works and the role San Onofre plays in providing reliable electricity to the region, is available at [www.edison.com/SONGSupdate](http://www.edison.com/SONGSupdate) and at [www.SONGScommunity.com](http://www.SONGScommunity.com). San Onofre is jointly owned by SCE (78.21 percent), San Diego Gas & Electric (20 percent) and the city of Riverside (1.79 percent). Follow us on Twitter ([www.twitter.com/SCE](http://www.twitter.com/SCE)) and like us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/SCE](http://www.facebook.com/SCE)).

### **About Southern California Edison**

An Edison International (NYSE:EIX) company, Southern California Edison is one of the nation's largest electric utilities, serving a population of nearly 14 million via 4.9 million customer accounts in a 50,000-square-mile service area within Central, Coastal and Southern California.

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*EOC before; using paper prints for important information and one large single-display projector screen suspended from the ceiling, which blocked the view of the dry erase marker boards.*

*EOC after; using three (3) standalone projectors to display different information as well as two (2) LCD monitors which can display television channels, DVD, live camera feed and more. The dry erase marker boards will also now be visible and more easily utilized during incidents and training.*



EOC TECHNOLOGY UPGRADE BEFORE AND AFTER PHOTOS

# San Bernardino County EOC Receives Much Needed Technology Upgrade

**Contact:** Z. Mullennix, R. Lindsay

Recent visitors to OES have remarked about the renovations to the display technology and physical appearance of the EOC floor. EOC Readiness is at the top of our division mission statement and that mission is underscored by the investment in time, effort and funds to provide the next level in communications capabilities and situational awareness for EOC Responders.

The EOC Display and Technology Project includes seven (7) new large screen LED monitors, three (3) video projectors, new white boards and a new state-of-the art media control rack. The system has the ability to display multiple television channels, computer feeds, including Web EOC, training presentations, DVDs and live, on-site camera. Included is a new public address audio system that has been installed with multiple wireless microphones to aid in presentations and briefings.

With this upgrade, OES is in the process of installing radios and computers for the new County Fire Department Operations Center (DOC) at the County EOC. The EOC floor pin-wheel computers are also being upgraded to bring all technology up to the same operating systems and software. The complete EOC Display and Technology Project should be completed by March of 2013.

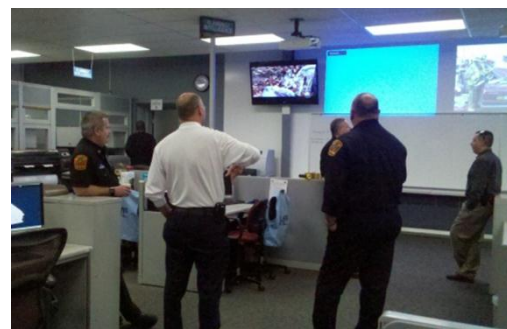
In addition to the upgraded communications and display technology, OES is considering a credentialing/badging system to enhance EOC Responder check-in and tracking both in the EOC and as a mobile unit in the field.



*Media rack supports all technology components (side view and front view)*



*EOC badge/credentialing system*



*Visitors to the EOC observing the new technology*

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# OES/EOC Liaison Deployed to ICP Increases Efficiency & Accuracy of Information

Contact: M. A. Ramirez

During the recent vegetation fire in Devore, the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services (OES) was represented at the Incident Command Post (ICP). In an effort to increase the efficiency and accuracy of operations in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), and also based upon the size and scope of the incident, OES sent an "OES/EOC Liaison" to the ICP. This new position interfaced directly with the Incident Commander in the field to

relay information to and from the Emergency Operations Center, which also serves as the County Fire DOC. Real-time updates from the field were posted on the Web EOC Significant Events Board ensuring that quick and accurate updates were available to County stakeholders. Lessons learned from the Devore Incident will be used to increase the effectiveness of future OES/EOC Liaison deployments.



Devore veg fire

## MCS Training is SHOC-ing

Contact: Z. Mullennix

The Mass Care and Shelter (MCS) City/Town (C/T) Planning Template and the County MCS Plan have been sent to the OA Emergency Managers. The MCS C/T Template provides Emergency Managers a simple yet thorough planning

tool. The template is fully integrated with the County's Mass Care and Shelter Plan.

Training sessions for the MCS Shelter Operations Compound (SHOC) will be held in February and March of this year. This will help prepare County Departments and partner agencies for their role in a SHOC activation. The OA MCS Workgroup has begun planning for the MCS Functional Exercise to be held in June of 2013.

## Trailer-blazing

Contact: Z. Mullennix

Deployment of one (1) MCS trailer to the Community of Wrightwood has been completed and additional trailers are being prepared for deployment. The MCS Trailer MOU has been reviewed by County Counsel and will soon be sent to the cities/towns that have indicated they would like to host an MCS Trailer.

## CSTI Disaster Recovery Training a Hit

Contact: R. Lindsay

Instructor Mike Brady, from the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) led 35 students from several agencies throughout San Bernardino County in a two and one half day Disaster Recovery course which combined topical lectures and "team" breakout sessions. The course was hosted at OES and was provided through FY10 HSGP grant funding.

This interactive course provided the background for physical, economic and social disaster recovery with particular focus on the Emergency Management considerations. This course enabled attendees to plot a course for Long Term Recovery beginning with

the planning phases through the Public/Individual Assistance process. CSTI Disaster Recovery Training is one of the four (4) required courses for the Cal EMA Emergency Management Specialist Certificate.

*Course students included individuals from Cal EMA, Colton Fire, San Manuel Fire, County Probation, American Red Cross, SB City USD, and more*



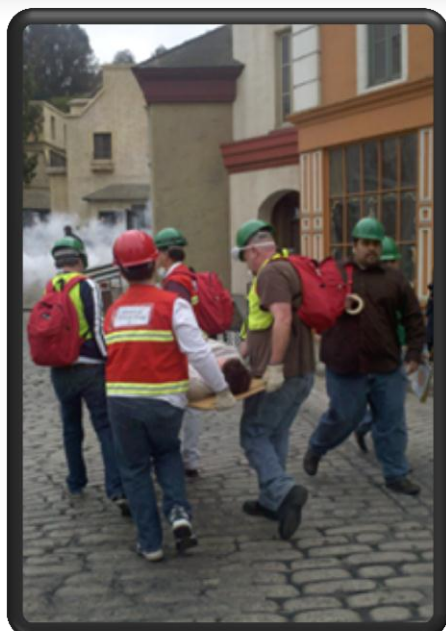
## CERT, Hollywood Next Level Style

Contact: M. A. Ramirez

On November 15, 2012, OES Emergency Services Officer/County CERT Coordinator Michael A. Ramirez participated as an evaluator for the annual CERT exercise conducted at NBC/Universal in Studio City. As an evaluator he had the opportunity to observe, evaluate and provide suggestions for improvement. The exercise included two (2) separate incident locations, a medical treatment area and a command post located on the back-lot of Universal Studios. The NBC/Universal CERT Program is a well-developed program made up of hundreds of NBC Universal employees who volunteer to receive CERT Training. CERT-trained employees are a part of the company's emergency response plans for a major disaster.



NBC/Universal CERT members respond to "Wysteria Lane" on the set of Desperate Housewives



CERT members transport an injured victim to the medical treatment area

## WebEOC - Purple a Thing of the Past?

Contact: R. Lindsay

As a part of ongoing WebEOC Program improvements, jurisdictions will soon be able to populate their own Significant (Sig) Event Board. City/Town Log entries that are posted to the Jurisdiction Sig Event Board will be given a check box to recommend review by the OA EOC for County Sig Event Board consideration. In addition, tasks and requests between jurisdictional EOC positions will go directly to the task recipients without County EOC task review. Other improvements in this next phase of development include an enhanced OA Road Closure Board and an expanded OA Shelter Operations Board.

As a point of information, ESi Acquisition Inc. (the developers of WebEOC) recently announced their acquisition by Intermedix Corporation. Thankfully, many of the ESi employees who have partnered with our County's WebEOC development will remain with the WebEOC branch of Intermedix, and they are excited about how this strategic sale will enable the product to grow beyond current limitations and expand the international disaster communications market. Unfortunately the highly recognizable purple shirts may soon disappear!



Kent Cawley, current SB County Intermedix Consultant, former ESi Purple Professional

## Helping Hands at OES

Contact: M. A. Ramirez

San Bernardino County unincorporated CERT Members are in the process of updating the records of all County unincorporated CERT Members and issuing new CERT Identification Cards. With over 900 CERT Members in the County program this is no small task. Their help at OES reflects an effort to bring CERT Members into OES to provide assistance in providing excellent service to the many stakeholders served by OES.



OES Staff and CERT Members worked together to update records for hundreds of County unincorporated CERT Members



Wrightwood CERT Members help archive old records



### EMERGENCY MANAGER MENTORING COMMITTEE

If you are a new emergency manager, please contact Kalina Cox, Administrative Secretary II, at (909) 356-3998 to schedule a "New Emergency Manager Orientation".



## CERT en Español

Contact: M. A. Ramirez

The Office of Emergency Services recently took delivery of Homeland Security Grant-funded CERT Participant Manuals. Included in the order were Spanish CERT Participant Manuals (Manual Del Participante).

This manual will assist jurisdictions in taking CERT to Spanish-speaking residents in their communities. In addition to this tool, local jurisdictions may request "loaner" copies of braille CERT Participant Manuals from OES to assist in the delivery of CERT Training to individuals who are blind or vision impaired. Allow ample time for the delivery of the braille manual when requesting a copy.



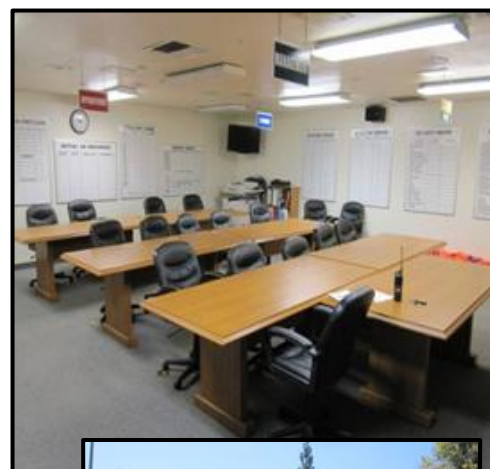
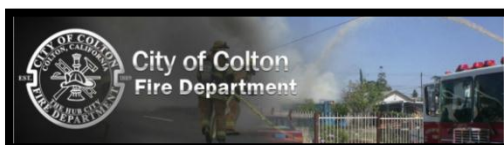
## Jurisdictions Exercise Their EOCs

Contact: R. Lindsay

Battalion Chief Don Benfield, City of Colton Fire Department, hosted a Cal EMA EOC TTX in the City of Colton's EOC in December with a robust group of EOC Responders in attendance. When asked if the time and effort to conduct the 3 hour tabletop exercise was worth it, Don's response was an enthusiastic "Absolutely"; "It probably helped me as much as the other attendees with an increased awareness of responder roles in the event of an emergency". According to Don, since activations have been few and far between in his city, this all-hazard

TTX was effectively the first step towards what he hopes will be an ongoing EOC Responder training program in the City of Colton.

The City of Loma Linda and the Town of Apple Valley have their EOC TTXs scheduled for the month of February, making them the third and fourth San Bernardino County jurisdiction respectively to take advantage of this customized exercise delivery. For more information or to schedule your jurisdiction's TTX, contact Cal EMA Senior Exercise Planner, Nick Lowe at (916) 215-3455 or [Nicholas.Lowe@CalEMA.ca.gov](mailto:Nicholas.Lowe@CalEMA.ca.gov).



City of Colton EOC

## High Desert PSOC to House Alternate EOC

Contact: J. Felix

2012 brought about the completion of a major development to enhance emergency operations and public safety communication throughout San Bernardino County. The San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved the use of a portion of the new two-story 66,775 square foot High Desert Government Center (HDGC) in the City of Hesperia for a new Public Safety

Operations Center (PSOC). The High Desert PSOC will provide approximately 2,600 square feet of critical needed space to house a County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the event of a natural and/or man-made disaster that impacts the EOC in Rialto or cuts the Valley off from the High Desert. The HDGC will also provide solutions for other critical public safety issues such as the construction of much needed space for Sheriff and Fire dispatch communications in the High Desert to meet limited communication gaps due to the natural topography. This PSOC will mirror the County systems currently in place at the EOC in Rialto and has the latest technology upgrades available. Back-up power systems include solar,

UPS and generator. The development of a High Desert County EOC will further enhance the County's ability to communicate and respond in the event of a disaster.



High Desert Government Center/Public Safety Operations Center





## Fostering Relationships Through Preparedness

Contact: C. Serrano

On Thursday, January 10, 2013, Cindy Serrano, Assistant Emergency Services Manager, and Janine Valenzuela, Office Assistant III, participated in the annual safety stand-down for the USMC Logistics Base at Yermo, CA. They gave two (2) presentations, the first on the role of OES within San Bernardino County and the second on Family Disaster Preparedness. Approximately 160 employees attended the safety stand-down. The audience asked many questions about family preparedness actions they could take. Their host, Artha Williams, has asked OES to return next year.

## EVC Orientation Workshop

Contact: C. Nagy

Working closely with HandsOn Inland Empire, the San Bernardino County Operational (SBCOA) conducted an Emergency Volunteer Center (EVC) orientation workshop for volunteers from several organizations within the six (6) COAD regional areas of San Bernardino County. Volunteers from these organizations have stepped up to take management training so that there will be teams of volunteers ready to set up and open an Emergency Volunteer Center. EVCs are used to process the spontaneous volunteers (unaffiliated and often untrained volunteers) that offer their time when a disaster occurs. Currently the EVC Operations Training is scheduled for February 5, 2013. Each of the six (6) regions have registered 5-7 team members to attend the Operations

Training. Once they have completed the training, a full scale exercise will be conducted in late April or early May 2013. The EVC Leadership Team Steering Workgroup will assist in the planning of this exercise. Training and exercise planning is a partnership with HandsOn Inland Empire, Volunteer Los Angeles and the SBCOA.



EVC Orientation Workshop in progress.

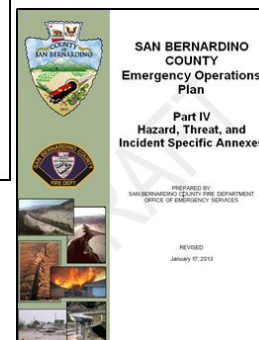
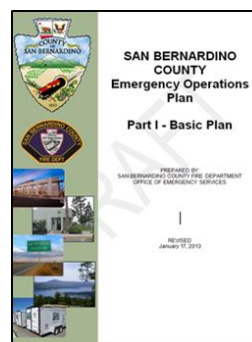


## EOP Update

Contact: C. Cruz

On February 28, 2013, the 2012 EOP Update project contract with the consultant closes. To date, the consultant has reviewed fourteen (14) EOP drafts from the County and cities and towns. Five (5) additional jurisdictions have received formal letters of approval from Cal EMA for their updated EOP. A total of 22 jurisdictions, including the County, are participating in the EOP update. The County's EOP drafts

have been approved by the County Disaster Council and OES anticipates formal approval by the County Board of Supervisors in February. As a reminder, jurisdictions may still submit their EOP's to Cal EMA for approval after February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2013. **Reminder: if your EOP update is a 2012 EMPG grant deliverable, you have until June 2013 to complete the project!** For additional information or assistance, Please contact Carrie Cruz, ESO at [carrie.cruz@oes.sbcounty.gov](mailto:carrie.cruz@oes.sbcounty.gov), or Lucien Canton, Consultant, at [lcanton@lucienanton.com](mailto:lcanton@lucienanton.com).



## ROPE Plan Update Kicks Off

Contact: C. Cruz

On January 17, 2013, the Office of Emergency Services hosted a kick off meeting for the Responders Organized for Pass Emergencies (ROPE) Plan Update Committee. The committee

consists of key public and private entity stakeholders with a vested interest in coordination of response to incidents in the Cajon Pass. The ROPE Plan was originally developed after the 1996 train derailment in the Cajon Pass that closed the I-15 freeway for 59 hours.

One of the three components of the 2012 Golden Guardian Exercise Series was a tour and tabletop exercise specifically for the Cajon Pass. One of the After-Action

items identified during the Cajon Pass tabletop exercise was an update of the existing ROPE Plan. This update project is one of the 2011 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) planning projects and is expected to run from January 2013 to June 2013 to coincide with the grant deadline.

Kathleen Springer, SBCo. Museum, at Cajon Pass Tour.



# County Emergency Services Ordinance Revised

Contact: C. Serrano

On December 18, 2012, the San Bernardino County Board of Supervisors approved an ordinance to revise the County's Emergency Services Organization. The purpose was to update the provision for the preparation and execution of emergency plans for the protection of life and property within the County in the event of an emergency; the direction of the emergency organization;

and the coordination of the emergency functions of the County with all other public agencies, corporations and affected private persons.

To summarize, the ordinance prescribes that the:

- Director of Emergency Services shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the County of San Bernardino
- San Bernardino County Disaster Council powers and duties include to:
  - o Advise and recommend for adoption by the BOS, emergency plans, mutual aid agreements, and such ordinances, resolutions, rules and regulations as are necessary for implementation
  - o Meet annually or upon call of the Disaster Council Chairperson or the Manager of the San Bernardino County Fire Department, Office of Emergency Services (OES)

- County OES responsibilities include:
  - o Developing and coordinating the emergency services planning for San Bernardino County, including training, exercises, and public education
  - o Serving as liaison with federal, state, other county, and city/town emergency services agencies
  - o Overseeing the Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) of County groups, departments and agencies
  - o Recommending to the County Disaster Council for consideration all matters within the purview of the Council's responsibilities
  - o Recommending to the Board of Supervisors for consideration matters of policy insofar as they relate to emergency services.



# Skills Honed, Knowledge Amplified

Contact: C. Serrano

Emergency managers from around the San Bernardino County Operational Area took advantage of training opportunities recently held at the California Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) in San Luis Obispo. Funded by Homeland Security Grants or UASI/Riverside, emergency managers attended Planning, Mitigation and/or Recovery Courses in order to hone their knowledge and skills. While many emergency managers learn from experience and the "school of hard knocks", these training sessions either offer new learning opportunities or serve as a refresher. According to Cindy Serrano, Assistant Emergency Services Manager, "For me, the CSTI training confirmed that we are working in the right direction in our Operational Area." Additionally, training at CSTI provides a wonderful opportunity to network with emergency managers from

up and down the state who work in a variety of disciplines.

These training courses also apply towards the Cal EMA Specialized Emergency Manager Certificate.

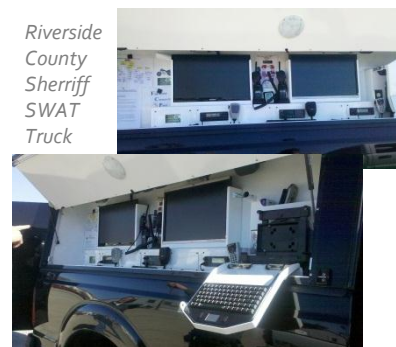


CSTI main building



Disaster Planning course in progress

Riverside  
County  
Sheriff  
SWAT  
Truck



San Luis Obispo  
County  
Emergency  
Operations  
Center (EOC)

# Disaster Corps Update

Contact: C. Nagy

Over 50 new volunteers have registered with the Disaster Corps and are in the process of going through the background check process. Recruiting new Disaster Corps candidates continues within the San Bernardino County CERT and ECS programs.

Currently the five (5) counties that comprise the state Disaster Corps program (San Bernardino, San Diego, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Francisco) are in the process of planning a two day, overnight deployment exercise to be held in southern California in late March. Each county will be asked to have 25-30 Disaster Corps volunteers deploy to the exercise location. This will be the first time the Disaster Corps has exercised their statewide/county to county deployment plan. Other activities will also take place during this exercise period. The exercise planning team consists of staff from California Volunteers, Cal EMA, and each of the five (5) county Disaster Corps coordinators and other staff members.

# VOAD/COAD Update

Contact: C. Nagy

San Bernardino County VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster) Leadership met in December to plan the SBCVOAD 2013 Kick Off Meeting that was held on January 31, 2013. The meeting featured a first responder's account of 34 days working throughout the areas affected by Hurricane Sandy; topic discussed was "What We Must Learn From Hurricane Sandy". The 2013 board elections and regional COAD updates also took place. The National VOAD Membership Director is planning a visit to San Bernardino County in February – details will be forthcoming.

# Grants Update

Contact: M. Antonucci, C. Montag, L. Manalili, E. Sampson, L. Carr, J. Gloria

## FY2011 EMPG

This grant is closed. Final reimbursement to the OA was received from Cal EMA on January 9, 2013.

## FY2012 EMPG

The Board of Supervisors authorized the OA's acceptance of the FY2012 EMPG grant award on November 6, 2012. Approval notifications were sent shortly thereafter to each approved jurisdiction with information on grant guidelines, outline of approved projects, authorized allocations, a schedule of deadline submissions for monthly Reimbursement Requests, Quarterly Performance Reports and Modification Requests, as well as other grant related reporting.

As stated in the October 15, 2012, email that was sent to the jurisdictions, the 1st Quarter Performance Report was waived. All jurisdictions successfully reported their project progress at the end of the 2nd quarter for the period covering July 1, 2012, thru December 31, 2012, with the required accounting of personnel activity report. The combined 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Performance Report was submitted to Cal EMA on January 16, 2013.

Please mark your calendars: the 3rd and 4th Quarter Performance Reports are respectively due on April 5, 2013, and July 5, 2013 to the Grants Administration office located at 157 West 5<sup>th</sup> Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0415.

## FY2010 Homeland Security Grant

The milestone extension request for the FY2010 Homeland Security Grant for equipment projects only was approved by Cal EMA on January 3, 2013. Notifications of modification approvals were sent shortly thereafter to jurisdictions which provided information on their new or increased project allocation with the deadline to complete the equipment project by **March 30, 2013**.

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As a reminder: Training, planning and exercise projects **MUST BE** completed by June 30, 2013.

## FY2012 Homeland Security Grant

The Board of Supervisors authorized the OA's acceptance of the FY2012 Homeland Security Grant grant award on November 27, 2012. Approval notifications were sent shortly thereafter to each approved jurisdiction with information on grant guidelines, outline of approved projects, authorized allocations, a schedule of deadline submissions for monthly Reimbursement Requests, Quarterly Performance Reports and Modification Requests, as well as other grant related reporting.

## FY2010 Buffer Zone Protection Program

This grant will be closing on February 28, 2013, and we are in the process of preparing the closing documentation.

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